

## RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE HOMES FOR THE HOMELESS.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, A numerous landed proprietorship is the best and most endearing basis of popular government, and whereas it is wise both for state and national government to encourage in every lawful and liberal measure such a system, which without such encouragement it is impossible to establish in North Carolina for a long time to come, and whereas it is expedient to now lay the foundation of a system that will hold out the hope of future support to the poor and homeless of our state; therefore

Donation of lands solicited.

*Be it resolved by the general assembly of North Carolina.* That our senators and representatives in congress be requested to urge the donation to this state of two millions of acres of the public lands, which, upon such conditions as congress may prescribe, shall be sold and the proceeds thereof be secured and appropriated exclusively to the purchase of homes in this state for the industrious indigent, on such terms as shall be directed by law as to repayment of purchase money under the general control of congress.

Copy to be furnished by governor.

*Resolved,* That the governor be instructed to cause a copy of these resolutions to be forwarded to our senators and representatives in congress, with request that the same be laid before their respective houses.

Ratified the 26th day of March. A. D. 1870.

## RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF M. A. BLEDSOE.

Treasurer to pay M. A. Bledsoe.

*Resolved by the house of representatives, the senate concurring,* That the public treasurer is hereby instructed and directed to pay to M. A. Bledsoe, thirty-three hundred dollars out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That the within amount (\$3,300) shall be received in full payment for the original claim in favor of M. A.

Provide.